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Dear Ms. Dixon,

Re: Yucca Mountain Repository DEIS

1 [I am writing my comments to the DEIS to state my opposition to the creation of the Yucca Mountain facility in total, and with specific reference to the Carlin Route for transportation.]

2 The DEIS fails to address impact on issues I cover in the following text. [I must state that my family has owned property in Crescent Valley since the late 50's. Although we are not residents there, if a place were ever known as "Peaceful Valley" this is it. Introducing a rail line or truck route through the valley would destroy a serenity not known in most areas of the U.S.A.] Note that the newly created Escalante Staircase National Monument ~~as~~ is a recognition of the beauty and value of the serenity in the western areas. [The fragile character of this remote community would be lost (taken) if the railroad were put in.] Hasn't the sacrifice and contribution of the people of Nevada been enough already? Think about the testing and human experimenting of the recent past. Don't take the lifestyle too. [It is a travesty to even think of making Nevada a dumping ground for facilities mostly located in the East and Midwest ~~as~~ at the continued risk, expense, and expense (of lifestyle) of the citizens of Nevada.]

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There are a few of the issues not even addressed in the DEIS on the Carlin route in regard to Crescent Valley:

Lifestyle - social, economic and quiet enjoyment of your property.

wildlife - Wildlife corridors, range areas, viewing, rearing, grazing and hunting impacts.

Ranchers - Cattle ranging, rearing, feeding, security.

RR crossings - locations?, at grade?, safety?, security, noise

Water/Floodplains - No mention of lakebed at Crescent Valley. Flashflooding, washouts, culverts, bridges, dam effect of Railroad and impact of backup water to Crescent Valley Town and valley landowners.

Earthquake - Is lakebed or valley soil subject to the liquefaction effect in case of earthquake? Note associated RR impacts.

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RR ownerships - who will own RR?
who will own the land?

Mitigation - For all of the above must
be stated.

I have a final area of personal concern and
as a recommendation for partial mitigation for
property owners. Many of the landowners are long-
term family holdings. Regardless, the project should
offer up-front a reverter clause or a right of
first refusal to recover the property ownership once
the 30 year period of usage has expired. The clause
should also state that all lands will be restored
to existing conditions with the reversion. The
reversion price would be the price at which the
land was purchased. This would have the effect
of making family ownership whole at the end of
the usage term.

Do us and the U.S. a favor. Don't do the
Carlin route. Leave Yucca Mountain alone, and
preserve Crescent Valley as it is.

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